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REPLY BRIEF

This Reply Brief is submitted in response to the Examiner's Answer dated September 20, 2004. Applicants respectfully note an error in the Examiner's Answer and desire to have this error corrected. The error relates to point (7) of the Examiner's Answer, which states the Applicants' Brief includes a statement that all claims stand or fall together. Applicants' Brief does not include such a statement. Applicants' Brief actually includes the statement that "all claims within an issue be considered in a single group," see Applicants' Brief page 4. Thus, all the claims within a single issue stand or

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fall together. However, as there are a total of three issues, each of these three groups of claims will individually stand or fall. Each of the three issues clearly states which claims correspond to which issue and thus stand or fall together, *see* Applicants' Brief pages 4, 6, and 8.

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